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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William C. Rowland on May 16, 2006.

The Examiner initiated an Interview with the Applicant in order to correct the claim dependency of claim 8, which was dependent upon the canceled claim 1. The following changes were made to claim 8:

In claim 8, line 2: "claim 1" has been changed to --claim 7--.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nikita Wells whose telephone number is (571) 272-2484. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477. The central fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Nikita Wells, Primary Examiner

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